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Daily Readings from the Bible

OCTOBER

Morning Readings.

Evening Readings.

21.	Hebrews, 1:1-2:4	Ezekiel, 43:13-44:8
22.	" 2:5-3:11	" 44:9-31
23.	" 3:12-4:16	" 45:1-17
24.	" 5:1-6:20	" 45:18-46:15
25.	" 7:1-28	" 46:16-47:12
26.	" 8:1-9:10	" 47:13-48:12
27.	" 9:11-10:7	" 48:13-35

Church News

VIRGINIA.

Norfolk: An Interdenominational School of Religious Training began its third session a few days ago in this city with more than sixty present. The opening address to the general assembly of the school was delivered by Rev. Stuart Nye Hutchison, of the First Presbyterian church. His subject, "The Apostolic Church," was taken from the text-book, "Stalker's Life of St. Paul." The lecture dealt mainly with the beginnings of church history. The whole course will include all that is known of the apostolic age from the ascension to the death of Paul, embodying the social, political, economic, geographic and religious conditions prevailing in the lands traversed by the apostles.

At the conclusion of this address members of the school dispersed for three courses: Psychology and pedagogy, taught by Francis Bacon; storytelling, taught by A. A. Hainsworth, and a "Program for Christian Work," taught by Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of Monumental M. E. church, Portsmouth. These classes in turn separated for work in adult, secondary and elementary divisions. Class periods last forty minutes.

Colley Memorial: This church has called Rev. Dr. R. B. Grinnan, of Columbia, S. C. Dr. Grinnan went to the Woodrow Memorial church from Hendersonville, N. C., four years ago. Under his pastorate the church has grown very greatly, and he has also done much mission work in neighboring communities. Formerly he was a missionary to Japan. He expects to come to Norfolk about November 1st.

Charlottesville: Dr. G. L. Petrie has recently returned home from Johns Hopkins Hospital. He has rapidly recovered since an operation, and with greatly improved health, he expects soon to resume his pulpit and pastoral work.

Gypsy Smith, Jr., is conducting an evangelistic meeting in Charlottesville. All the churches are enlisted

in it. The meetings are held in a tabernacle erected for the purpose at Altamont Circle, and will continue through October.

Piedmont Church this year has enjoyed the visits of several ministers who have preached for us. Rev. T. K. Young held a splendid meeting at one of our outposts. Rev. J. G. Reveley held a good ten-day meeting in August, from which we had ten accessions. Rev. "Sunshine" Hawks occupied our pulpit twice on first Sunday in September. An elder read a sermon in absence of pastor. Rev. W. C. Reed, the former pastor, made us a pleasant visit and preached for us on third Sunday morning and that afternoon at New chapel, near Daniel's Run, which was the first sermon preached in it. Rev. R. G. See is expected to occupy the pulpit on fourth Sunday. There have been three meetings held in the field and we have received forty-five new members during the present year. Our new chapel near Daniel's Run is located in a strategic point, about three miles southwest of us. There are many people in every direction and numbers of children. We had two Sunday schools near the spot which aggregated about 200 scholars; they are now merged into one in our new building. This building is made possible only by the fund provided by the Church Building Fund of Montgomery Presbytery. We have only temporary seats at present. Surely there is some church which has old seats, or will have them by spring, who will help us out. Drop me a card about the benches at once. "The Manse," Caloway, Va.

Rev. Thos. B. Ruff,

Hermon: On September 24th Children's Day was observed. All-day services were held and a bountiful dinner served on the grounds. Quite a large crowd attended the service, the church being filled morning and afternoon. A very interesting program was rendered. The morning and afternoon sessions were opened with a march. That in the morning was the "Sunday-School Brigade March," in which the scholars bore bouquets of golden rod. In the afternoon the children marched to "Bringing in the Sheaves" and bore sheaves of grain. The program that followed was composed of recitations, many musical selections, and a mite-bix drill. Every member of the school took part in the exercises; even the tiniest ones were glad to do their part, and all acquitted themselves creditably. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Grover, being unavoidably detained, it seemed a special providence that Rev. O. L. Martin, of the Methodist church, could be present, and his address was one of the most pleasant features of the day. His earnest admonitions to the parents as to rearing their dear children, and the blessings that come from maintaining the family altar, were most helpful and appropriate. The offering, which amounted to \$8.44, was devoted to Missions and Sunday-school Extension Work. We are hoping this Children's Day service will put more interest into the Sunday school and the Master's work.

APPALACHIA.

Presbytery of Knoxville: By authority of the Synod of Appalachia, the Presbytery of Knoxville convened October 11, 1916, in pro re nata meeting, in the First Presbyterian church of Knoxville, Tenn. Rev. Willis Thompson, from the Presbytery of Transylvania, and Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D., from the Presbytery of West Lexington, were received and enrolled as members of the Knoxville Presbytery, and the following commission was appointed to install Rev. Willis Thompson at Jellico, Ky., on the near-

est convenient date: Rev. J. B. Logan to preside and deliver the sermon; Rev. J. C. Cowan, D. D., to charge the congregation, and Elder G. T. Anderson to charge the pastor and complete to commission.

Roy D. Bachman,
Temporary Clerk.

ARKANSAS.

Fordyce: We closed quite an interesting meeting of ten days and a little over on October 5th, in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. F. L. Delaney, of McGehee, Ark. Mr. Delaney gave us some interesting and instructive sermons, and the interest was good from the start and increased to the close of the meeting. Those who came to the services twice each day expressed themselves as greatly benefited and spiritually helped by the earnest and faithful preaching of the Word. There were five accessions to the church—one on profession and four by letter—while one young man who professed conversion will go to the Baptist church, and we are yet expecting one or two others to unite with us. Mr. Delaney is a forceful speaker, attractive in his delivery and method, and greatly endowed with evangelistic gifts and powers. Our Sabbath school observed Rally Day and had a good attendance, the collection amounting to something over thirty-eight dollars. Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are active in helping many worthy causes in the home field as well as to contribute largely to the foreign work, having given about \$500 last year to this cause. We are looking forward with a great degree of pleasure to the meeting of the Synod of Arkansas in our church on Tuesday, November 14th, and are praying that our brethren in the ministry as well as our laymen may come to us in the fullness of the Spirit and bring us a great spiritual blessing.

A. J. C.

Mountain Work Advances: The Ouachita Presbytery maintains three ministers in the mountain section—Messrs. Barr, Ferguson and Spooner—and they have been very active this past summer. In a number of places services were held under adverse circumstances and with but little encouragement at first, but the missionaries persevered and used tact and good judgment and substantial work has been done. Three churches have been organized as results of these efforts and Arkansas will soon have a mountain work that will be attracting the attention of the general Church like the work in Kentucky has. One church was organized at Mt. Ida, the county site of Montgomery county, and a town with a good future before it. They expect to begin building in the near future, and a good lot has already been secured. Another church was organized in Montgomery county—Mountain Valley—and this is strictly a mountain country church, and they also have prospect of a church building. The other church was Missouri Valley, near Abner, Pike county, and they have the frame of the new building erected and hope to be in their house of worship in a few weeks.

Evangelistic Campaign: A vigorous summer campaign has been waged in the Home Mission churches of Ouachita Presbytery, and much good accomplished. The regular evangelist, Dr. J. H. Morrison, and the pastor evangelist, T. A. Spooner, were very active in their work and there were several volunteer preachers assisting also in the special meetings, as Dr. W. I. Carroll, of Texarkana, at Junction City, Dr. J. P. Robertson, of Morrilton, at Scotland, Rev. J. L. Read, at Dobyville, J. C. Williams, at Tates Bluff, and W. N. Lowrance, at Jaka-jones. The churches were greatly revived and strengthened and about 100

were added to the Home Mission fields as results of this special campaign.

Nashville: The Rev. M. M. Lawson came to this field nine years ago from Indiana and has been in continuous service ever since. A good, substantial church has been erected at Nashville and other improvements made. Mr. Lawson is a veteran of the Civil War and, though he wore the blue during that mighty struggle, yet he has shown himself a true soldier of the cross and a perfect Christian gentleman, and has the respect of the Southern people in a high degree. He recently tendered his resignation, but the membership rallied to him and declared they did not want to change for a younger man and sent petition to the Home Mission Committee that they be allowed to retain him without cost to the committee. The request was granted and the group, composed of Nashville, Iona and Bingen, will now pass to self-support. Mr. Lawson is regarded well by all the people and attracts them by his Scriptural, scholarly sermons, and by his honest and straightforward conduct. J. C. W.

FLORIDA.

Madison, W. S. Patterson, pastor: Rally Day, October 8th, was a red letter day for this school. An interesting program was carried out and the offering for Sunday-school Extension was \$65.50, which is a per capita average of \$1.07. We won the Presbyterian banner last year and are expecting it again this year. We are expecting a large attendance at Florida Presbytery, which convenes in this church 7:30 P. M. Friday, November 10th. All who expect to attend this meeting and have not written Mr. T. C. Smith to that effect will please do so at once.

Pineland Church, W. S. Patterson, stated supply: We have just concluded a series of meetings in this church, which extended over a period of eight days, the pastor preaching twice each day. There were some eight or nine who consecrated their lives to the service of the Master and three who accepted Christ as their Saviour for the first time. All three came for baptism and church membership. Two of them, a man and his wife, brought their infant for baptism. The Spirit of God was manifestly present with the people. Their interest's being shown in several ways, perhaps most apparently by their improvements in the church property. The building has been moved, repaired and repainted. New pulpit furniture has been placed and pews to match are now being made and will soon be placed. The Sunday-school, with an enrollment of 15, gave an offering of \$5 for Sunday-school Extension.

GEORGIA.

Bethel (Cherokee Presbytery): This church was greatly blessed recently in a splendid meeting. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Dr. G. G. Sydnor and a former pastor, Rev. J. C. Hardin, of Pineville, N. C. Dr. Sydnor did most of the preaching, and his earnest, soul-stirring messages fell on attentive hearers, and a number indicated their acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour, and three young ladies united with this church on profession of their faith in Christ, and it is expected that others will join in the near future. The music was a feature of the meeting, and it is rare that two men so beloved by a congregation as Dr. Sydnor and Mr. Hardin can be associated in a meeting, and we believe that many precious seed were sown in many hearts and impressions made which will enrich hearts and lives in days to come. We thank these brethren for their services, and are grateful to God for the sweet fellow-

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